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590146-2000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Akira Yabe et al.
Serial No. : 09/778,172
Filed : February 7, 2001
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING OPTICAL
SYSTEM AND RECORDING MEDIUM WITH PROGRAM FOR
OPTIMIZING OPTICAL SYSTEM
Examiner : Fred Ferros III
Art Unit : 2128

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 17 | Minus | ** =20 | * 0 x | \$18 (9) | = \$ 0 |
| Independent claims | 3 | Minus | *** =3 | * 0 x | \$86 (43) | = \$ 0 |
| Total additional fee for this amendment | | | | | | \$ 0 |

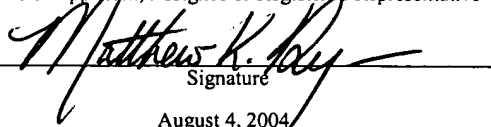
- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the _____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a _____ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims _____ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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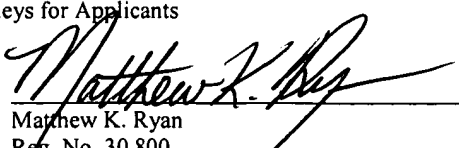
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: